

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Yoshihiko YAMAGUCHI : Attn: BOX PCT  
Serial No. [NEW] : Docket No. 2001-1067A  
Filed July 30, 2001 :  
MAGNETIC RUBBER COMPOSITION : THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
FOR ENCODER : TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
[Corresponding to PCT/JP00/08445 FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
Filed November 30, 2000] ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please amend claims 5 and 6 as follows:*

5. (Amended) The magnetic rubber composition for encoder according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic rubber composition for encoder further contains 0.1 to 10 parts of vulcanization agent per 100 parts of hydrogenated nitrile butadiene rubber with 15 to 50% of acrylonitrile amount and 80 to 99% of hydrogenation ratio.

6. (Amended) The magnetic rubber composition for an encoder according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic rubber composition for encoder further contains 2 to 30 parts of carbon

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black per 100 parts of the hydrogenated nitrile butadiene rubber with 15 to 50% of acrylonitrile amount and 80 to 99% of hydrogenation ratio.

TABLE 5

REMARKS

The above amendment is presented to eliminate multiple dependent claims, thereby reducing PTO filing fees.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is entitled "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**".

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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## VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

### IN THE CLAIMS:

*Claims 5 and 6 have been amended as follows:*

5. (Amended) The magnetic rubber composition for encoder according to claim 1, [2, 3 or 4, characterized in that] wherein the magnetic rubber composition for encoder further contains 0.1 to 10 parts of vulcanization agent per 100 parts of hydrogenated nitrile butadiene rubber with 15 to 50% of acrylonitrile amount and 80 to 99% of hydrogenation ratio.

6. (Amended) The magnetic rubber composition for an encoder according to claim 1, [2, 3, 4 or 5, characterized in that] wherein the magnetic rubber composition for encoder further contains 2 to 30 parts of carbon black per 100 parts of the hydrogenated nitrile butadiene rubber with 15 to 50% of acrylonitrile amount and 80 to 99% of hydrogenation ratio.

THESE ARE THE ORIGINALS